

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**WASHINGTON CLIMATE ADVISORY TEAM (CAT)**  
**Forestry Technical Work Group**  
**(Forestry TWG)**

Call #3, June 20, 2007, 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**Attendance:**

1. Technical Working Group members:  
Bill Messenger (for Steve Fluke), Craig Partridge, Anthony Chavez (for Edie Sonne-Hall), Gina Smith (for John Floberg), Rick Gustafson, Becky Kelley, Llewellyn Mathews, Heath Packard, Denise Pranger, Kevin Raymond, Court Stanley, Steve Stinson, Steve McConnell (for Mary Verner),
2. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) staff:  
Katie Bickel, Steve Roe
3. Washington Ecology (ECY) and Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) Liaisons: Steve Bernath, Gail Sandlin
4. Public Attendees: Not identified.

**Background documents:**

(all posted at [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat\\_twg\\_forest.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat_twg_forest.htm))

1. Agenda
2. Powerpoint presentation for meeting.
3. Catalog of State Actions on GHG Policy.
4. Results of TWG member policy option voting (provided by email prior to the call).
5. CCS Policy Option Template (provided by email prior to the call).

**Discussion items and key issues:**

1. Roll call conducted.
2. CCS reviewed the Agenda for the call.
3. CCS provided a review of the Call #2 Summary. No changes were requested.
4. CCS provided a review of the CAT meeting and the presentation of the TWG's options catalog. The catalog was approved with no significant changes.

5. The TWG was asked whether they could extend the amount of time devoted to each call to 2 hours. The TWG was in agreement that each of the remaining TWG calls should be scheduled for 2 hours.
6. CCS reviewed the policy option template. A discussion was provided on what would be included in each section of the template. The “straw proposals” that the TWG will be developing next are made up of the first two sections – Policy Description and Policy Design.
7. CCS reviewed the results of balloting for priorities for analysis of policy options. CCS received 13 ballots out of the 16 TWG members. Initially, CCS had organized the results into 5 priorities for analysis.
8. Discussion issues on the priorities for analysis centered on the following:
  - Options 3.3 and 2.4 related to harvested wood products were kept as two separate options as one details with supply and the other demand for wood products. The TWG noted the need to monitor the potential for overlap with RCI options covering building codes and embodied energy content of building products;
  - Options 2.6 (Forest Health) and 1.1 (Expanded Use of Biomass for Energy) were also kept separate because of the diversity of options under 2.6, which partially relate to 1.1 but not enough to warrant combining;
  - Option 1.2 (In-State Liquid Biofuels Production) was incorporated as an element of Option 1.4 (Improved Commercialization of Advanced Lignocellulosic Processes) because it is a natural subset of 1.4;
  - The Urban Forestry option (2.2) had a lot of support in the discussion but received a medium priority in the voting. CCS felt that elements of urban forestry could be incorporated into option 2.1 (Reduced Clearing & Conversion to Nonforest Cover) after hearing a discussion from TWG members on the benefits that livable urban communities have in reducing conversion of forests to developed lands (e.g. healthy urban forests being a part of these desirable urban communities increase the demand for urban living and reduce suburban development);
  - It was noted by a TWG member that afforestation/restoration could also be one type of measure to achieving Enhanced Carbon Sequestration in Forests (2.4)
  - While 2.2 and 2.4 may be incorporated into existing high priority options, the TWG noted a desire to keep open the opportunity to revisit the possibility of developing these as separate options later in the process and therefore they remain on the list of medium level priorities.
  - The final list of priority options is provided on the next page.
  - TWG volunteers were then assigned to draft the straw proposals for each policy option (first two sections of the policy option template). These volunteer assignments are shown at the end of this document). A list of links to websites for other similar state processes is provided below for examples of policy options developed in those processes. TWG members who were not on the call are asked to volunteer to assist in

the drafting of one or more policy options (note options with fewer than 3 volunteers).

9. During the call, a TWG member asked about the status of the forest carbon inventory and how updating that document relates to developing policy options. CCS explained that the I&F is developed in parallel with the policy options and does not generally feed in directly (while some information may be relevant). It was agreed that not enough time has been available on TWG calls to date to review TWG members comments on the I&F and it was decided to make this the first agenda item on the next call. In addition, a TWG member suggested establishing a separate group to address the I&F. CCS will review this idea internally and suggested that a call, in addition to the regularly scheduled TWG calls, dedicated to a discussion of the methodology may be a good next step.

#### Next steps and agreements:

1. TWG members can get a good idea of what final and draft policy option templates look like by reviewing the policy options documents developed in other similar State processes:
  - <http://www.azclimatechange.us/template.cfm?FrontID=4671>;
  - <http://www.nmclimatechange.us/template.cfm?FrontID=4702>;
  - [http://www.ncclimatechange.us/Agriculture Forestry.cfm](http://www.ncclimatechange.us/Agriculture_Forestry.cfm);
  - [http://www.vtclimatechange.us/Agriculture Forestry.cfm](http://www.vtclimatechange.us/Agriculture_Forestry.cfm).
2. TWG volunteer leads should forward their straw proposals to Katie by July 8.
3. Next TWG meetings: July 18, August 22, September 12, October 24, and November 14. All calls are on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**List of Priority Policy Options (updated since the call)**

<b>New Option #</b>	<b>Option Name</b>	<b>Option Volunteers (lead in bold)<sup>a</sup></b>
F-1	Improved Forest Health (originally 2.6)	<b>H. Packard</b> , C. Partridge, M. Verner, K. Raymond, T. Williams, Steve McConnell
F-2	Reduced Conversion to Nonforest Cover (originally 2.1)	<b>D. Pranger</b> , E. Sonne-Hall, D. Pranger, H. Packard, C. Stanley, S. Stinson, J. Floberg, Steve McConnell
F-3	Enhanced Carbon Sequestration in Forests (originally 2.4)	<b>K. Raymond</b> , B. Kelley, C. Partridge, C. Stanley, D. Pranger, Steve McConnell
F-4	Expanded Use of Wood Products for Building Materials (originally 3.3)	<b>S. Stinson</b> , E. Sonne-Hall
F-5	Expanded Use of Biomass Feedstocks for Electricity, Heat and Steam Production (originally 1.1)	<b>R. Gustafson (w/ assistance from Larry Mason)</b> , L. Matthews, E.

		Sonne-Hall, S. Fluke
F-6	Improved Commercialization of Advanced Lignocellulosic Processes (hydrolysis, gasification, pyrolysis or other) (originally 1.4, with 1.2 as a subset)	<b>R. Gustafson</b> , L. Matthews, D. McEntee, S. Fluke
F-7	Enhanced Carbon Sequestration in Harvested Wood Products (originally 2.5)	<b>E. Sonne-Hall</b>

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